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Sustainable Environments Program	Surdna Foundation	N/A	The Foundation seeks to create just and sustainable communities where consumption and conservation are balanced, and innovative solutions to environmental problems improve people's lives. The program funds three key related priority areas – Climate Change, Green Economy , and Transportation and Smart Growth – that aim to transform how Americans work, consume, and move. The program is currently accepting letters of inquiry.	501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations	No specific deadline. Grants are approved three times per year: February, May, and September, and requests are needed three to four months in advance.	The grant amount requested should relate directly to the size of the organization's budget and the amount that is needed to successfully complete the project. No maximum or minimum grant sizes are provided.
Biomass Crop Assistance Program	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency	N/A	This program provides matching payments for the amount paid for the collection, harvest, storage, and transportation (CHST) of eligible material by a qualified Biomass Conversion Facility (BCF).	Agricultural and forest land owners and operators	No specific deadline	These payments will be available to eligible material owners at the rate of \$1 for each \$1 per dry ton paid by the CHST-qualified BCF to the eligible material owners, limited to a maximum of \$45 per dry ton and limited to a 2-year payment duration.
Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Grantmaking Program	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	N/A	PG&E is offering grants focused on environmental and energy sustainability . Projects PG&E may fund include those concerning sustainable communities, air quality, natural resources, climate change and renewable energy , and environmental education. PG&E will also continue to provide lesser amounts of funding for projects in the education and workforce development and emergency preparedness fields.	501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and units of government (including public schools). Applicants should be located in PG&E's service area of central and northern California. Prior to applying for a grant, potential applicants should contact the PG&E Public Affairs representative for the project area.	4-Oct-10	The majority of grants range from \$1k to \$25k, and most are under \$15k.
Economic Development Assistance Program	U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)	EDA06222009EDAP	This opportunity provides funding for public works, planning, local technical assistance , and economic adjustment assistance.	District organizations as designated by EDA; Indian tribes or a consortium of Indian tribes; a state, a city, or other political subdivision of a state; an institution of higher education or a consortium of such institutions; and nonprofit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state	30-Sep-10	Average grant sizes are anticipated to be as follows: \$1.32m for public works, \$60.9k for local technical assistance, and \$468k for economic adjustment assistance. No average grant size is provided for planning projects.

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Biomass Research and Development Initiative	U.S. Department of Energy	DE-FOA-0000341	This program supports development of the following: technologies and processes necessary for abundant commercial production of biofuels at prices competitive with fossil fuels; high-value biobased products ; and a diversity of economically and environmentally sustainable domestic sources of renewable biomass for conversion to biofuels, bioenergy, and biobased products.	Colleges and universities; nonprofit organizations; national laboratories; federal and state research agencies; private sector entities; or a consortium of two or more of the above entities	13-Jul-10	\$3m to \$7m per grant
Community Assistance Program	National Forest Foundation (NFF)	N/A	This program provides support in the form of start-up funds for newly forming (or significantly re-organizing) groups or organizations that intend to proactively and inclusively engage local stakeholders in the community in forest management and conservation issues on and around National Forests and Grasslands. CAP funds can be used for a wide range of tools, including: technical assistance, training, consultants, community outreach, obtaining 501(c)(3) status, group facilitation, basic start-up and operating costs, materials and equipment, program development, nonprofit management skill-building, and communications.	501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or organizations utilizing a fiscal sponsor organization with that designation. Other requirements apply.	9-Jul-10	Grants may range from \$5k to \$15k.
Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG)	USDA Rural Development	N/A	This is a two-part opportunity. The loan program provides zero interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, would pass through as loans to local businesses for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. Under the grant program, USDA provides grant funds to local utility organizations which use the funding to establish revolving loan funds. Loans would be made from the revolving loan fund for projects that will create or retain rural jobs.	Not-for-profit utilities. Other criteria apply.	30-Jun-10	No information is provided on maximum loan/grant awards, but approximately \$33m is available for loans nationwide.
Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements	USDA Rural Development	RDBCP-10-REAP-RES-EEI	The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Energy for America Program provides funds to purchase and install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements.	Agricultural producers and rural small businesses. Rural electric cooperatives may also be eligible to apply.	30-Jun-10	\$1.5k-500k per grant
Rural Business Opportunity Grant	USDA Rural Development	RDBCP-10-01-RBOG	This program is intended to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. It primarily provides training and technical assistance for business development, entrepreneurs, and economic development officials, and can also assist with economic development planning.	Local governments, federally-recognized Native American tribal governments, cooperatives, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations	28-Jun-10	Maximum award is \$250k.

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Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	HHS-2010-ACF-OCS-EO-0023	This program supports business development and expansion opportunities , including micro-enterprise and self-employment opportunities, in an effort to help Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients and other low-income individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency. Grantees may provide technical and financial assistance to private employers in low-income communities in order to create sustainable employment and business opportunities.	501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community organizations	23-Jun-10	Up to \$317k per grant
Collaboration Support Program	National Forest Foundation	N/A	This program from the NFF and others is intended to provide flexible funding to sustain existing place-based collaborative efforts as well as an incentive to take necessary risks to innovate and move the field of collaboration forward. The program provides two types of small grants, capacity grants and innovation grants. Capacity grants are available for organizational needs in collaborative efforts, and may be used for a wide range of tools such as training, consultants, community outreach, etc. Innovation grants are for expenses related to the implementation of new ideas or strategies that will move the field of collaboration forward and that have the potential to be transferred to other collaborative efforts across the country.	501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or organizations utilizing a fiscal sponsor with that designation. Organizations must also be working to develop solutions for sustainable management or restoration, on or around National Forests and Grasslands, that lead to on-the ground work. Specific issues should be related to community-based forest stewardship, recreation, watershed restoration, and/or wildlife habitat.	18-Jun-10	Capacity grants may be up to \$5k, and innovation grants may be up to \$10k.
Energy Innovations Small Grant Program	California Energy Commission (CEC)	N/A	Proposals must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for consideration under this program: (a) Advance science or technology not adequately addressed by competitive and regulated markets; (b) Propose an original innovative solution to a significant energy problem; (c) Propose work that is still in the proof-of-concept phase; (d) Address a California market need; (e) Provide a clear potential benefit to California electricity ratepayers; and (f) Target one of the several research and development areas, including renewable generation .	Individuals, small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions	10-Jun-10	A maximum of \$95,000 for hardware projects requiring physical testing and \$50,000 for modeling projects.
Matching Awards Program	National Forest Foundation	N/A	This opportunity will provide funding to organizations implementing action-oriented, on-the-ground conservation, restoration, and citizen-based monitoring projects that benefit America's National Forests and Grasslands. Projects should focus on wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, community-based forestry , or watershed health and restoration.	501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, universities, and Native American tribes working on, or adjacent to, National Forest and Grasslands	4-Jun-10	Past awards range from \$500 to over \$100k, with a mean of \$30k and a median of \$25k.

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Biofuel Production Plants	California Energy Commission	N/A	This program provides financial assistance for the development of new, California-based biofuel production plants and to enhance the operation of existing ethanol production plants to increase statewide biofuel production and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Public agencies, vehicle and technology entities, businesses, and public-private partnerships, and academic institutions	20-May-10	No specific ceiling; grants and loans are both available.
Clean Energy Business Financing Program	California Energy Commission	N/A	This program is open to California businesses that want to expand, diversify, or retool existing facilities to manufacture eligible energy efficiency or renewable energy products, components, systems, and technologies. The program also applies to facilities that produce biomethane gas from biomass suitable for pipeline injection.	California businesses	6-May-10	\$50k to \$5m each
National Forest Foundation Mid-Capacity Assistance Program	National Forest Foundation	N/A	The NFF is offering funding for locally-based collaborative efforts working on natural resource issues on National Forests and Grasslands. The purpose of the program is to support relatively young organizations as they leverage their initial project successes and experiences while strengthening their operating infrastructure. In their efforts to build ecological, social, and economic sustainability, Mid-Capacity grantees are expected to continue their on-the-ground conservation work and produce measurable results for their organization, the community, natural resources, and the local economy. They are also required to implement a conservation project as part of their award. In addition to award funds, general technical assistance will be provided throughout the grant period.	Established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that have moved beyond the initial founding stage and are in the process of stabilizing their organization and strengthening their programs	30-Apr-10	\$35k each
New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program	USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture	N/A	This program will make grants available for technology development, applied research, and training necessary to produce graduates capable of strengthening the nation's technical, scientific, and professional workforce in the fields of bioenergy, pulp and paper manufacturing, and agriculture-based renewable energy resources .	Community colleges or advanced technological centers located in a rural area	14-Apr-10	\$10k to \$300k each
Rural Business Enterprise Grant	USDA Rural Development	N/A	The objective of this program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas through provision of support that may include on-site technical assistance for private business enterprises; establishment or re-capitalization of relending programs ; the development of training programs in connection with technical assistance; and the creation, expansion, and operation of rural distance learning networks or rural learning programs.	Public bodies such as state and local government entities, private nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes on federal and state reservations. Applicants must serve rural areas as defined in the announcement.	12-Apr-10	There is no minimum or maximum level of grant funding; however, smaller grant requests are given priority.

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Biomethane Production for Transportation	California Energy Commission	N/A	The purpose of this program is to fund projects that involve the design, construction, and operation of biomethane production facilities . The overall intent is to encourage the development of a new industry in California to produce a transportation fuel that the CEC considers to be one of the most effective greenhouse gas reduction strategies.	Public agencies, vehicle and technology entities, businesses, public-private partnerships, and academic institutions. To be eligible, applicants must have a business presence in California.	11-Jan-10	No information is provided on maximum funding amounts, but \$21.5m was available through the last solicitation.
Alternative and Renewable Fuel Infrastructure	California Energy Commission	N/A	The purpose of this program is to fund projects that develop infrastructure necessary to store, distribute and dispense the following transportation fuels : electricity, E-85, biomass-based diesel , and natural gas. The overall intent is to upgrade public and private infrastructure investments, expand the network of public-access and fleet fueling stations and charging sites based on the population of existing and anticipated vehicles, and put in place infrastructure that will ultimately be needed to accommodate transportation fuels with very low greenhouse gas emissions.	Public agencies, vehicle and technology entities, businesses, public-private partnerships, fleet owners, consumers, and academic institutions. To be eligible, applicants must have a business presence in California.	11-Jan-10	No information is provided on maximum funding amounts, but the last solicitation included \$4m for biomass-based diesel and \$1m for ethanol (E-85).
2010 Urban Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program Request for Proposals	USDA Forest Service	USDA-FS-UCF-01-2010	The USFS's National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council seeks to establish sustainable urban and community forests by providing funding to communities of all sizes to manage and protect their natural resources. Through the competitive Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program, the Council only supports urban and community forestry projects that have national or widespread application and impact. Urban and Community Forestry is the art, science, and technology of managing trees, forests, and natural systems in and around cities, suburbs, and towns for the health and well-being of all people.	State and local governments; special districts; non-profit organizations, Native American tribal governments and organizations; independent school districts; public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, and public and state-controlled institutions of higher education	15-Dec-09	In the last solicitation, up to \$900k was available for up to 10 awards.
Value-Added Producer Grant Program	USDA Rural Development	RDBCP-09-VAPG	This grant is intended to facilitate the development of strategies to create marketing opportunities and to help develop business plans for viable marketing opportunities. These grants should facilitate greater participation in emerging markets and new markets for value-added products. Grants will only be awarded if projects or ventures are determined to be economically viable and sustainable.	Independent agricultural producers, agriculture producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, or majority-controlled producer-based business ventures as defined in the announcement	30-Nov-09	Up to \$300k per grant

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Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Grants	USDA Forest Service	USDA-FS-TMU-2010	This opportunity provides funding for projects that increase the use of woody biomass that is removed during hazardous fuels treatment projects on both public and private forestlands. The Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization (WBU) Grant Program is intended to improve the effectiveness of forest restoration activities by creating and expanding forest product and /or energy product markets for small-diameter material, low-value trees, and woody biomass removed during hazardous fuel reduction and forest health activities.	State, local, and special district governments; independent school districts; colleges and universities; Native American tribal governments and organizations; nonprofit organizations; and for-profit organizations	20-Nov-09	\$50-350k per grant
Renewable Energy Feasibility Grants	USDA Rural Development	N/A	The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Energy for America Program provides funds to conduct feasibility studies for renewable energy systems . The program is designed to help reduce energy costs and consumption and help meet the nation's critical energy needs.	Agricultural producers and rural small businesses. Rural electric cooperatives may also be eligible to apply.	31-Jul-09	Up to \$50k per grant